

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
1685 E Street, Fresno, California 93706

**PUBLIC HEARING**

concerning

**CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER  
FOR  
COFFEE PETROLEUM, INC.  
COFFEE LEASE  
ROUND MOUNTAIN OIL FIELD, KERN COUNTY**

Coffee Petroleum, Inc. (Coffee) discharges non-hazardous oil field production wastewater to four unlined surface impoundments at the Coffee Lease in the Round Mountain Oil Field, Kern County. Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. 58-375, issued for the lease, is outdated and not in compliance with current state regulations and policy. Coffee's wastewater salinity levels exceed by two times the numerical salinity limits prescribed in the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Tulare Lake Basin, Second Edition - 1995* (Basin Plan). Coffee's discharge is or probably will be discharged into waters of the state and creates or threatens to create a condition of pollution or nuisance.

The Cleanup and Abatement Order requires Coffee to: (1) immediately cease all unpermitted wastewater discharges in violation of the Basin Plan; (2) submit a Compliance Plan describing a wastewater disposal process that will result in compliance with the Basin Plan and this Order; (3) submit a Compliance Report describing implementation of the approved compliance plan; (4) submit a Sump Closure Plan describing the process to close the sumps; and, (5) submit a Closure Certification Report describing the closure of the sumps.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (hereinafter Regional Water Board) meeting scheduled for:

DATE: Thursday, 26 October 2006 and Friday, 27 October 2006  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Central Valley Water Quality Control Board  
11020 Sun Center Dr, #200  
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Regional Water Board
- Coffee Petroleum, Inc.

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in

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writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **2 October 2006**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than **2 October 2006**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **2 October 2006** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Regional Water Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the cleanup and abatement order should contact **Mr. Douglas Wachtell at (559) 445-5114 or at [dwachtell@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dwachtell@waterboards.ca.gov)**. Interested parties may download the proposed Order from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/>. A copy of the proposed Order can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 1685 E St., Fresno, California 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing [http://waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_laws](http://waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws). Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at [http://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_meetings/mtgprocd.html](http://waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html) or by contacting any one of the Regional Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



**Loren J. Harlow**, Assistant Executive Officer

31 August 2006